

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to call for applying a plasticizer in a supercritical fluid after developing the photoresist.

The office action seems to suggest that somewhere Hallock teaches using a plasticizer in the form of a supercritical fluid. There is no asserted support for this assertion. Therefore, reconsideration is requested.

With respect to the rejection based on Saito, it is conceded that Saito teaches no such thing. Instead, it is argued that Allen teaches using a supercritical fluid. However, Allen uses a supercritical fluid for developing. The claim calls for using the supercritical fluid and the plasticizer after developing. Therefore, Allen is of no assistance to the rejection.

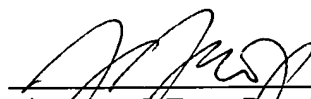
DeSimone is suggested as a process of developing with supercritical fluid (see the office action, final rejection, page 12, line 4). Therefore, DeSimone is no longer of any pertinence.

In view of these remarks, reconsideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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